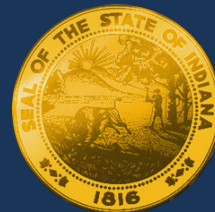




MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



Terry Curry, Prosecutor

May 2014

Public Safety Awareness Day

Get an inside look at Indianapolis EMS and public safety agencies at the McCormick & Medley Public Safety Awareness Day.
May 20
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Indianapolis City Market

IMPD Community Days

Join IMPD, the Prosecutor's Office and other public safety and community partners at the 2014 IMPD Community Days:

Southeast District

May 15
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Garfield Park

Southwest District

June 12
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Haughville Library
2121 West Michigan Street

North District

June 19
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Broad Ripple Park

East District

July 9
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Brookside Park

Downtown District

August 7
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Georgia Street

Northwest District

Sept. 13
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
New Augusta Academy North
6450 Rodebaugh Rd

City of Lawrence Community Day

Aug. 23
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Lawrence Fire Station 40
East 59th Street at Lee Road

A message from Prosecutor Terry Curry

Our office is committed to educating residents about how you can protect yourself and your property, whether you are a homeowner, a landlord, or rent your home. Recognizing that many Marion County residents live in rental properties, we recently launched a concerted outreach effort to bring our crime prevention programming to apartment communities and landlords of rental homes. Our deputy prosecutors and IMPD officers have been meeting with apartment managers to brief them on how we can support them and the residents of their communities. A special team of deputy prosecutors also work closely with the Indianapolis Housing Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the federal "One Strike and You're Out" rule which tracks public housing assistance recipients who have allegedly committed violent crimes, gun crimes, drug crimes and delinquent acts.

Crime watch groups, burglary prevention training, and property safety audits are just some of the effective crime prevention tools available to property managers, landlords, and residents. The most critical action residents can take is to call 911 when suspicious activity is seen or heard - before contacting the landlord or apartment office. Please contact our office at MCPO@Indy.gov or (317) 327-3522 for more information or assistance in deterring crime in your community or property.

Marion County Prosecutor's Office recognized for support of military employees



The Marion County Prosecutor's Office and Prosecutor Terry Curry were honored in April with the Above and Beyond award by the Indiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, for extraordinary support of employees who serve in the Indiana Guard and Reserve. Three deputy prosecutors have recently been deployed overseas during their employment with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, which included tours as Judge Advocates with the JAG Corps.

"As our nation asks our citizen soldiers to do more, it is essential we all work together on the homefront to seamlessly integrate them into our communities once they return," said Prosecutor Curry. "It is an honor to accept this award on behalf of our office, because it is the men and women of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office who ensured a smooth transition for our colleagues during and after their deployments."

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Sporting high heels for sexual violence awareness

Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry and staff participated in Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, a fundraiser for the Marion County Centers of Hope in early April. Participants walked one mile wearing high heel shoes to support sexual and domestic violence victims.



"Centers of Hope professionals are on the front lines of combating sex crimes and caring for victims in Marion County," said Prosecutor Curry. "They treat our victims with care and unwavering compassion, and often the evidence they preserve is a critical part of a prosecutor's case against the alleged perpetrator. We are grateful for the opportunity to shine a spotlight on their work as we 'walk a mile' in the shoes of our victims."

Centers of Hope operate independently through Marion County hospitals providing compassionate and nonjudgmental services to victims of sexual and domestic violence. The team of forensic nurses and social workers provide crisis counseling, resource referrals, and forensic services vital to the overall integrity of criminal prosecutions.

Pastor convicted of defrauding Latino families in immigration cases



A westside pastor was sentenced to eight years of probation for taking payments from Latino families and providing fraudulent documents under the pretense of assisting their loved ones in federal immigration cases. Jorge Rodrigo Lopez Chinchilla pleaded guilty to Corrupt Business Influence (Class C Felony) and was ordered by the court to pay restitution totaling \$19,350 to 14 victims within one year or face time in prison.

Lopez was charged in August 2013 after a nearly year-long investigation by the Marion County Prosecutor's Office Grand Jury Division. The investigation revealed several instances where Lopez took cash from friends and family members that was intended to pay the bonds of individuals being held by U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. In one instance, a victim paid Lopez to intervene in the deportation of her husband. The victim's husband was deported three days later, and Lopez refused to refund the money, stating that it had been paid to the immigration office. Read more from the announcement.

Fraud prevention presentation in Cumberland

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office will present information on protecting yourself and elderly family members, friends and neighbors, from crimes such as identity theft, healthcare fraud, caregiver fraud, and telemarketing scams. The event is free and open to the public.

Thursday, May 15
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Cumberland Christian Church
39 N. Starter St., Cumberland

A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Free crime prevention programs

*Offered by the
Marion County Prosecutor's
Community Prosecution Division*

Schedule a presentation at:
(317) 327-3522 or MCPO@indy.gov

Burglary and property crime prevention: Protecting your home and vehicle from crime.

Power Against Fraud presentation for seniors: Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

Project CyberSafe: Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

Choices Not Chances: Teaching youth the consequences of choices through scenarios involving gangs, bullying, and dating violence. Educators and parents can also access the presentation and scripts online at www.indy.gov/MCPO to use with classes or their family.

Gang education: Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

Other Services

Child Support Enforcement: For assistance in the establishment, enforcement and modification of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

Adult Protective Services
Hotline: Report endangered adults to (877) 284-0063.

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